UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Stanley R. Chesler

v. : Crim. No. 11-516

LAVAR BELLFIELD : <u>ORDER FOR CONTINUANCE</u>

This matter having come before the Court on the joint application of Paul J. Fishman, United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (Fabiana Pierre-Louis, Assistant U.S. Attorney, appearing), and defendant Lavar Bellfield (Donald McCauley, Assistant Federal Public Defender, appearing), for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter, and the defendant being aware that he has the right to have the matter brought to trial within 70 days of the date of his appearance before a judicial officer of this court pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(c)(1), and the defendant having consented to such a continuance, and it appearing that the defendant waives such right, and one prior continuance having previously been granted by the Court pursuant to Title 18, Unites States Code, Section 3161(h)(7), and for good and sufficient cause shown,

IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

(1) Plea negotiations are currently in progress, and both the United States and the defendant desire additional time

to negotiate a plea agreement, which would render any grand jury proceedings and any subsequent trial of this matter unnecessary;

(2) As a result of the foregoing, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(7), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

IT IS, therefore, on this day of December 2011,

ORDERED that this action be, and hereby is, continued until February 20, 2012; and it is further

ORDERED that the following Motion and Trial Schedule shall apply:

Defendant's motions to be filed by February 27, 2012;

Government's response to be filed by March 9, 2012;

Motion Hearing scheduled for 3 1920126 11:30 am

ORDERED Trial Date set for

3/29/2012@:10:00 am

ORDERED that the period from the date of this order through February 20, 2012 shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974.

HONORABLE STANLEY R. CHESLER United States District Judge

Form and entry consented to:

Fabiana Pierre-Louis

Assistant U.S. Attorney

Sounsel for defendant Lavar Bellfield